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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number : 10/713,008 Confirmation No. 5744
Applicants : Masaki IKEDA et al.
Filed : November 17, 2003
Title : METHODS FOR PROLIFERATING TERMINAL
DIFFERENTIATED CELLS AND RECOMBINANT VECTORS
THEREFOR
TC/Art Unit : 1636
Examiner: : Tara L. GARVEY
Docket No. : 64517.000002
Customer No. : 21967

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

Sir:

Applicants provide the following election in response to the Office Action Restriction Requirement (herein the "Office Action") dated September 22, 2005, in the above-captioned application, which set forth restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to purportedly distinct inventions. Applicants hereby provisionally elect **Group I** (claims 1-6, 16, and 17), drawn to a method of proliferating differentiated cells with **traverse**. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) directed to non-elected subject matter.